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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 2, change "claim 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 2, change "claim 13 or 14" to --claim 13--.

Claim 19, line 2, change "claim 17 or 18" to --claim 17--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed.

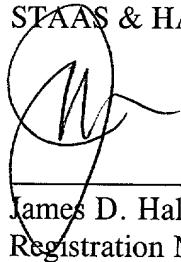
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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